



Robert Greene Sterne
Jorge A. Goldstein
David K.S. Cornwell
Robert W. Esmond
Tracy-Gene G. Durkin
Michele A. Cimbala
Michael B. Ray
Robert E. Sokohl
Eric K. Steffe
Michael Q. Lee
John M. Covert
Robert C. Millonig
Donald J. Featherstone
Timothy J. Shea, Jr.
Michael V. Messinger
Judith U. Kim
Jeffrey T. Helvey
Eldora L. Ellison

Donald R. Banowit
Peter A. Jackman
Brian J. Del Buono
Mark Fox-Evans
Vincent L. Capuano
Elizabeth J. Haanes
Michael D. Specht
Kevin W. McCabe
Glenn J. Perry
Edward W. Yee
Grant E. Reed
Virgil Lee Beaton
Theodore A. Wood
Joseph S. Ostroff
Jason D. Eisenberg
Tracy L. Muller
Jon E. Wright
LuAnne M. DeSantis

Ann E. Summerfield
Helene C. Carlson
Cynthia M. Bouchez
Timothy A. Doyle
Gabby L. Longworth
Lori A. Gordon
Laura A. Vogel
Bashir M.S. Ali
Shannon A. Carroll
Anbar F. Khal
Michelle K. Holoubek
Marsha A. Rose
Scott A. Schaller
Lei Zhou
W. Blake Coblenz
James J. Pohl
John T. Haran
Mark W. Rygiel

Michael R. Malek*
Carla N-Eun Kim
Doyle A. Siever*
Ulrike Winkler Jenks
Paul A. Calvo
Robert A. Schwartzman
C. Matthew Rozier*
Shameek Ghose
Randall K. Baldwin
Daniel J. Nevriy

Registered Patent Agents*
Karen R. Markowicz
Matthew J. Dowd
Mita Mukherjee
Scott M. Woodhouse
Peter A. Socarras
Jeffrey K. Mills

Danielle L. Letting
Lori Brandes
Steven C. Oppenheimer
Aaron S. Lukas
Gaurav Asthana
Robert E. Bakin
Salvador M. Bezos

Of Counsel
Edward J. Kessler
Kenneth C. Bass III
Marvin C. Guthrie
Christopher P. Wrist

*Admitted only in Maryland
*Admitted only in Virginia
•Practice Limited to
Federal Agencies

December 27, 2007

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:

(202) 772-8544

INTERNET ADDRESS:

MCIMBALA@SKGF.COM

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Art Unit 1614
Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/555,343; § 371 Date: November 1, 2005
For: **Freeze-Dried Preparation Containing Methylcobalamin
and Process For Producing Same**
Inventors: KATO *et al.*
Our Ref: 1089.0590000/MAC/DJN

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Power of Attorney from the Assignee;
2. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
3. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) listing (2) cited documents (US1 and FP10);
4. Form PTO/SB/08B (1 sheet listing (3) cited documents (NPL16-NPL18); and
5. Copies of the cited documents (FP10 and NPL16-NPL18).

The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web.

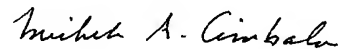
In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Commissioner for Patents
December 27, 2007
Page 2

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



Michele A. Cimbala
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 33,851

MAC/rjv
Enclosures

762380_1.DOC